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SUBJECT: DEBT RESCHEDULING FOR NORTH KOREA

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1. WE CONVEYED POINTS OF REFTTEL TO THUNE ANDERSEN, DIRECTOR OF EAST-WEST TRADE OFFICE IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE SAID THE PRESENTATION WAS TIMELY AND WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY THOSE FORMULATING DENMARK'S DECISION, WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD BE TO OPPOSE THE FRENCH PROPOSAL.

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2. ANDERSEN STATED THAT DANISH EXPERTS WHO ATTENDED

SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING OF PARIS CLUB PARTICIPATED VERY LITTLE IN THE DISCUSSIONS AND CAME AWAY WITH RESERVATIONS ABOUT FRENCH PROPOSAL SOMEWHAT LIKE THOSE OF U.S. THEY PARTICULARLY SAW THE DANGER OF SETTING A PRECEDENT.

3. ANDERSEN PERSONALLY AGREES WITH THE U.S. VIEWS. HE BELIEVES THAT PRESSURES CAN BE APPLIED IN OTHER WAYS IN ORDER TO GET THE NORTH KOREANS TO PAY UP. HE SAID THAT WHENEVER NORTH KOREANS MAKE ANY KIND OF REQUEST, HE CALLS THEIR ATTENTION TO THE DEBT PROBLEM. IN THIS REGARD HE NOTED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER WANTS TO VISIT SCANDINAVIA. WHILE THE DANES ARE NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN SUCH A VISIT, AGREEING TO IT COULD AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN A CONCESSION ON THE DEBT QUESTION.

4. ACCORDING TO ANDERSEN, THERE IS ONLY ONE DANISH FIRM THAT IS REALLY AFFECTED. THAT FIRM IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A CONTRACT TO SUPPLY REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT TO NORTH KOREA AND IS IN DANGER OF FOLDING IF THE NORTH KOREANS DO NOT SETTLE THEIR ACCOUNTS WITH THE COMPANY SOON. THAT COMPANY CONTINUES TO PRESSURE THE DANISH GOVERNMENT TO RENDER ASSISTANCE.

5. ANDERSEN DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE PARIS CLUB WOULD MEET AGAIN TO CONSIDER FRENCH PROPOSAL. THE USUAL TWO-WEEK NOTICE, HE SAID, HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. LUKENS

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